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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NWA AND PAA AIR FARES

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SUMMARY: ON APRIL 14, MOFA NOTIFIED EMBASSY OF GOJ'S DISSATISFACTION WITH NW FARE CITED REFTEL AND COMPETITIVE PAA FARE FILING MADE MARCH 29. EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED NOTE ALONG LINES REFTEL ASKING GOJ RECONSIDER ITS ACTION AND OFFERING TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS IF REQUESTED. EMBASSY HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED REFERENCE TO PAA MARCH 29 FILING WITHIN NOTE'S TEXT SINCE WE ARE UNAWARE OF ITS STATUS BEFORE USCAB; HOWEVER, ORALLY WE HAVE TOLD MOFA THAT WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS FILING TOO COULD BE RECONSIDERED SHOULD USCAB APPROVE IT AS EXPECTED. MOFA HAS INITIALLY NOTED THAT U.S. IS RECEPTIVE TO, NOT REQUESTING, CONSULTATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 14, MOFA NOTIFIED US ORALLY AND SENT US NOTE DATED APRIL 13 EXPRESSING GOJ DISSATISFACTION WITH NORTHWEST LOW FARE FILING MADE MARCH 27 AND WITH COMPETITIVE PAA FARE FILING MADE MARCH 29. NOTE IS NOW BEING TRANSLATED;
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HOWEVER DISSATISFACTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 13(6), IS BASED ON FACT THAT TWO CARRIERS FAILED TO CONSULT SUFFICIENTLY WITH OTHER AIRLINES BEFORE ARRIVING AT NEW FARES AND THAT RATES FOR LONGER DISTANCES, E.G., TOKYO-SEATTLE, WILL BECOME LESS THAN THOSE FOR SHORTER DISTANCES, E.G., TOKYO-HONOLULU.

EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF NOTE WILL BE CABLED
SEPTTEL.

2. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAS
TODAY (APRIL 17) FORWARDED NOTE TO MOFA
EXPRESSING USG SUPPORT FOR NW MARCH 27 FILING
AND PAA BUDGET FARE, WHICH WAS REJECTED IN LATE
DECEMBER, AND REQUESTING GOJ RECONSIDERATION
AND APPROVAL OF THESE FARES. NOTE IS
EXACTLY AS TRANSMITTED REFTTEL EXCEPT THAT FIRST
SENTENCE SECOND PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN CHANGED TO
READ: "AS INDICATED IN EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE
OF APRIL 13, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTS THE NEW LOWER FARES
AND URGES THAT THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES
RECONSIDER AND APPROVE THEM PROMPTLY."

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED REQUEST
TO RECONSIDER PAN AM MARCH 29 FILING WITHIN
NOTE'S TEXT SINCE AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, IT IS
STILL PENDING BEFORE USCAB. ORALLY WE HAVE TOLD
THE MOFA THAT WE WOULD ASK THAT THIS FILING TOO
BE RECONSIDERED SHOULD USCAB APPROVE IT AS
EXPECTED.

4. MOFA OFFICIAL NOTED THAT MOFA HAD SENT
EMBASSY NOTE TURNING DOWN NW FARE ON APRIL 14
AND THAT NOTHING WITHIN ARTICLE 13(G) REQUIRED
GOJ TO ASK FOR CONSULTATIONS. HE NOTED
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U.S. HAS "OFFERED" RATHER THAN "REQUESTED"
CONSULTATIONS AND SAID FURTHER REPLY MIGHT
FOLLOW ACTUAL RECEIPT OF NOTE.
(PARA 1, LINE 7 ABOVE SHOULD READ ARTICLE 13(G).)
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